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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the return of a Fifth Superseding Indictment¹, returned on February 21, 2007, against 22 defendants:

ALTON COLES, AL ZUAGAR, CHARLTON CUSTIS, KEENAN BROWN, ROBERT COOPER, JAMAR CAMPBELL, GARY CREEK, TIMOTHY BAUKMAN, HAKIEM JOHNSON, DANTE TUCKER, TERRY WALKER, MONIQUE PULLINS, JAMES MORRIS, DESMOND FAISON, ANWAR LINDER, TYREK MCGETH, KRISTINA LATNEY, ASYA M. RICHARDSON, LYNETTE SIMPSON, ADRIAN MCKENZIE, ANTONIO LAMONT JACKSON and THAIS Y. THOMPSON.

The Indictment consists of 194 counts. All of the defendants except RICHARDSON, LATNEY and THOMPSON were charged with conspiring to distribute approximately 1,200 kilograms of cocaine and 600 kilograms of cocaine base ("crack"), worth no less than \$25 million, from 1998 to 2005, in Philadelphia, Delaware County, New Jersey, Baltimore and elsewhere. COLES and BAUKMAN are charged with operating a Continuing Criminal Enterprise, and face a mandatory minimum of life imprisonment.

The indictment also charges various defendants with 31 firearms counts related to the drug trafficking activity, 28 counts of distributing and possessing with intent to distribute cocaine and crack, 27 counts of using telephones to facilitate the drug conspiracy, 2 counts of maintaining a drug house, 90 counts of money laundering, 2 counts of wire fraud on a financial institution, 6 counts of structuring financial transactions to avoid IRS reporting requirements, 3 counts of making materially false statements before a federal grand jury, one count of accessory to a drug conspiracy and one count of investing drug income in an interstate enterprise, a concert produced in Philadelphia in the spring of 2002. The government has given notice of intent to forfeit more than two dozen firearms seized during the investigation, along with approximately \$1.5 million in assets, including over \$800,000 in cash, a Bentley, a Mercedes Benz, a Cadillac

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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Escalade, and 5 houses which facilitated the drug trafficking or are proceeds of drug trafficking, or facilitated or are proceeds of money laundering, and several financial instruments which are proceeds of money laundering or drug offenses.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

| NAME | ADDRESS | AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| ALTON COLES | Incarcerated | January 13, 1974 |
| TIMOTHY BAUKMAN | Incarcerated | February 6, 1976 |
| JAMES MORRIS | Incarcerated | |
| HAKIEM JOHNSON | Incarcerated | January 3, 1961 |
| JAMAR CAMPBELL | Incarcerated | November 5, 1975 |
| GARY CREEK | Incarcerated | October 6, 1981 |
| AL ZUAGAR | Incarcerated | |
| CHARLETON CUSTIS | Incarcerated | |
| DESMOND FAISON | Incarcerated | March 8, 1976 |
| ANWAR LINDER | Incarcerated | April 6, 1984 |
| TYREK MCGETH | Incarcerated | September 20, 1982 |
| KEENAN BROWN | Incarcerated | |
| ROBERT COOPER | Incarcerated | |
| DANTE TUCKER | Not disclosed | July 14, 1975 |
| TERRY WALKER | Incarcerated | July 12, 1974 |
| MONIQUE PULLINS | Incarcerated | December 6, 1983 |
| KRISTINA LATNEY | Not disclosed | January 12, 1976 |
| ASYA M. RICHARDSON | Not disclosed | April 9, 1980 |
| LYNETTE SIMPSON | Incarcerated | May 28, 1970 |
| ADRIAN MCKENZIE | Not disclosed | January 6, 1963 |

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| NAME | ADDRESS | AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| ANTONIO LAMONT JACKSON | Incarcerated | 1/29/1985 |
| THAIS Y. THOMPSON | Not disclosed | 10/15/1974 |

If convicted all of the defendants except LATNEY and RICHARDSON face a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment. LATNEY faces a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment. RICHARDSON faces a maximum sentence of 100 years imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Philadelphia/Camden High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division and the Philadelphia Police Department, assisted by the Salem County, New Jersey, Prosecutors Office, the Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division, the New Jersey State Police, Darby Boro Police Department, Chester Police Department, the Baltimore Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Richard A. Lloret and Michael J. Bresnick.

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